

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST
FORCONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Serial No.: 10/033,674
Filed: December 27, 2001
Applicant(s): Katsuhito Kitahara, et al.
Group Art Unit: 2624
Examiner: Jacob P. Rohwer

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this transmittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

Date: January 17, 2006

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously Submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the response/reply under 37 CFR §116 previously filed on
(Any un-entered response referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Response B
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), PTO 1449 listing four (4) references.
- iv. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:
- c. ☐ Calculation of additional fee for enclosed response.

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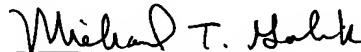
Claims Remaining After Response	Highest # Previously Paid For	# Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims: 40-	40	0	\$50.00	\$
Independent Claims: 5-	5	0	\$200.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			\$360.00	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$000.00

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 19-2746.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) \$790.00
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) (if required) of \$_____.
For a _____ month(s) extension of time.
- ☐ An extension of time for _____ month(s) has already been secured and paid for; accordingly, the above fee is for an additional _____ month(s) extension of time.
- iii. ☐ Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Suspension of action under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months \$130.00
- iv. ☐ Additional Fee for Response \$_____
- v. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ enclosed
- c. ☒ If any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this RCE or any enclosure, please consider this a request therefor together with authorization to charge Deposit Account No.: 19-2746 for the additional fee(s) due.

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Date: January 17, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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